

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1599
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DELHI-GURGAON EXPRESSWAY
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Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Airport Authority of India has handed over land for construction of Delhi- Gurgaon expressway;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether there has been delay in transfer of land;
- (d) if so, the details of the cost of the project escalated due to such delay; and
- (e) the steps taken to streamline the process of transfer of land for National Highways Projects to avoid such a delay in future?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIYAPPA)

- (a) & (b) Yes, Sir. 89900 sq. meter of land has been handed over by Airport Authority of India to NHAI.
- (c) & (d) Yes, Sir. The project is being implemented on BOT basis. The delay in handing over land may have some impact on completion of the project.
- (e) The following steps have been taken to streamline the process of transfer of land for National Highway Projects:-
 - (i) Standard format for acquisition of land has been approved by the Ministry of Law to avoid delay in notification for acquisition of land
 - (ii) State Governments have appointed senior officers as Nodal officers for resolving problems in land acquisition.
 - (iii) In pursuance of decision of Committee on Infrastructure, an Empowered Committee of Secretaries has been constituted to address inter Ministerial and Center-State issues regarding land acquisition and utility shifting etc.